

should be established (rollcall 549), and H.R. 2546, To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center" (rollcall 550).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 25, 2007, I was absent from the House for a familial medical emergency.

Had I been present I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 548—"yes"—H. Res. 189—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established.

On rollcall No. 549—"yes"—H.R. 2546—To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

IN SUPPORT OF 100 PERCENT AIRPORT WORK SCREENING

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, America recently got a wake-up call when we learned that law enforcement had thwarted a Muslim extremist plot to blow up Kennedy Airport and the surrounding neighborhoods.

This is not the first time that we have had our security exposed at our airports. In March airport employees at Orlando International exploited a loophole in our security and placed a bag with an arsenal of weapons on the airplane. As workers, they never had to pass through a metal detector or had anyone check their bags or equipment.

That is why I introduced H.R. 1413 with my good friend Congresswoman NITA LOWEY from New York to implement a 100 percent worker screening pilot program at seven of our airports.

Listen up, America. It is unacceptable that we spend billions to secure our airports and airplanes from dangerous passengers, yet we leave the back door open to workers. I would hope that the Homeland Security Committee heard this wake-up call and scheduled a full committee markup as soon as possible so we can close this dangerous loophole.

IT IS TIME TO BRING OUR TROOPS HOME FROM IRAQ

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we begin to commemorate and celebrate the founding of this Nation, what a great Nation, July 4 brings all Americans together. We stand strong. We are bold and we are proud. I am proud to be an American.

But I petition this government, this Congress, this President that we must

resolve the Iraq crisis. Our soldiers are defined as they are, warriors for justice. But when you have a complete collapse of government, as was evidenced in the last 24 hours, suicide bombs, car bombs, an enormous toll and toll of lives being taken, our soldiers emerged in neighborhoods, sitting as sitting ducks, it is time to bring our troops home. And as long as we remain tone deaf to the American people, we undermine the values of this Nation that indicates we all are created equal.

It is time to bring our troops home from Iraq. It is time for a new policy and a new direction.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROSS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

REVISIONS TO THE 302(a) ALLOCATIONS AND BUDGETARY AGGREGATES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007 AND 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 207(d) of S. Con. Res. 21, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008, I hereby submit the revised 302(a) allocations for the House Committee on Appropriations for Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008. Section 207(d)(2) directs the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget to adjust the discretionary spending allocations for an Internal Revenue Service tax compliance program integrity initiative as provided in section 207(d)(1)(B) of S. Con. Res. 21.

DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS: APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATION (In millions of dollars)

	Budget authority	Outlays
Fiscal Year 2007	950,316	1,029,465
Fiscal Year 2008	953,459	1,028,780

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 505, RECOGNIZING THE INNUMERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RECREATIONAL BOATING COMMUNITY AND THE BOATING INDUSTRY TO THE CONTINUING PROSPERITY AND AFFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. KLEIN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would first like to commend the distinguished chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (Mr. OBERSTAR) for his support of House Resolution 505 and for his

leadership on the committee. These days we face mounting challenges to improve our infrastructure and protect our highways and waterways from expanding populations and from terrorist attacks. Personally, I can think of no other person better qualified to lead this important committee.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 505 to highlight the important contribution of the recreational boating community and the boating industry to our quality of life and to our continued economic prosperity and to urge the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the American people to observe National Boating Day.

Boating is a famous symbol for south Florida, where I am from. Millions of residents and tourists take to the waters of south Florida by boat to fish, dive, snorkel, and view scenic tours along our pristine coastline and unique intracoastal waterway. Palm Beach County alone has over 40,000 registered boaters, and Ft. Lauderdale's majestic canals have earned it the nickname the "Venice of America."

But the significance of the boating community is not only symbolic. The recreational marine industry is a major economic force in Florida, responsible for over \$18 billion of revenues and 220,000 jobs statewide. And I should note that \$13 billion of the economic impact and 162,000 of those jobs as well as almost half of the industry's gross sales come from the tri-county region of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

As many of our colleagues know, the contributions of the recreational boating community extend far beyond the Sunshine State. The boating population exceeds 73 million individuals in our country and an estimated 18 million recreational watercraft. In addition, the recreational boating industry provides more than \$39 billion in sales and services to the U.S. economy and provides nearly 380,000 manufacturing jobs. Altogether there are approximately 1,400 active boat builders in the United States with contributions from all 50 States.

One need only look at the geographic diversity among members of our Congressional Boating Caucus, of which I am a proud member, to measure the broad influence and contributions of the boating community and the boating industry to our country and the quality of our life. Members come from 38 States, including Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and West Virginia. Clearly, boating is not just a coastal pastime; it is an American pastime.

In addition, boating also brings us closer to our national treasures. I strongly believe that an appreciation for environmental stewardship comes through interacting with nature. For example, it is hard to comprehend the beauty of coral reefs until you see them underwater with your own eyes.